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FISCAL NOTE

Senate Bill 246 (Senator Hogan, *et al.*)
Finance

Telecommunications - Competition - Task Force

This bill establishes a 17-member task force to study ways to increase competition among telecommunications service providers. The task force, which is to encourage and monitor competition in the telecommunications industry, will be staffed by the Public Service Commission (PSC). Members serve without compensation but are entitled to expense reimbursements under the Standard State Travel Regulations. The bill requires the task force to meet at least four times a year and submit a report, including any proposed legislation, to the General Assembly by December 31 of each year.

This bill sunsets on December 31, 2003.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: Any staffing costs and expense reimbursements for the task force members could be handled with existing budgeted resources.

Local Effect: None.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Current Law: There is no task force to study telecommunications competition.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: HB 137 (Delegate Stern, *et al.*) – Environmental Matters.

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